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1. By 6 December, 90 percent of the Pyongyang population had left the city. In the morning a small vanguard of Chinese Communist troops (size undetermined) crossed the Taedong River below the city and moved south without entering Pyongyang. Small (size undetermined) convoys of North Korean and Chinese troops entered the city on the evening of 8 December.
2. On the morning of 7 December North Korean guerrillas began infiltrating the city, using 10-year-old boys as scouts and guides and to point out the homes of members of the ROK army and police. Families remaining in such houses were shot on the spot, and persons frequenting the houses were also shot.
3. Approximately 2,000 refugees returned to Pyongyang but no government members returned. There was a rumor current at that date that a large (undetermined) number of former North Korean government high officials would return to the city on 20 December.
4. As of 11 December, the conduct of the Chinese Communist troops toward Pyongyang civilians was good and well-disciplined. North Korean army treatment of civilians was harsh.

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